USA PENTATHLON
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2017 Senior World Championships
November 28, 2016

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

   Athletes must be a citizen or a resident of the United States at the time of nomination and hold a valid document (U.S. passport or Permanent Residence Card) that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the competition season.

2. Athletes must be a member in good standing with USAP and must possess a UIPM Athletes License to participate in the trials process. Licenses may be obtained by contacting USA Pentathlon.

B. 1. Tryout Events: Provide the event names, dates and location of all selection trials.
   1. 2017 Qualifier 1, December 17-18, 2016, Colorado Springs
   2. 2017 Qualifier 2, January 4-9, Colorado Springs
   4. 2017 World Cup 1, February 23-27, Los Angeles, U.S.A.
   5. 2017 USA Pentathlon National Championships, June (TBD*), Colorado Springs

*Dates of Qualifier 3 and National Championships to be finalized after USOC approval. See www.usapentathlon.org for the current calendar of USAP events.
2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed above in B. 1 (if any).

US domestic competitions which will count towards team selection (World Cups):

1. 2017 Qualifier 1, December 17-18, 2016, Colorado Springs
2. 2017 Qualifier 2, January 4-9, Colorado Springs

Best efforts will be made regarding final confirmation or any changes to these domestic events should be posted at www.usapentathlon.org at least 21 days (unless circumstances render this not possible) prior to the domestic competition.

C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees for the 2017 USAP World Cup 1 team.

Team size may be up to 24 (12 male/12 female). Final confirmation will be posted on http://usapentathlon.org/, if different from the above.

The highest ranking twelve male and twelve female athletes, will be named to the 2017 World Cup 1 Team based on the combined (added) results of an athlete’s best two of the first three USA Domestic competitions scheduled to take place on December 17-18 2016, January 4-9 2017, and January 14-15 2017 all in Colorado Springs, CO using the PPS (Pentathlon Point System) points system (see attachment A).

At National Team coaches discretion, two athletes with exceptional swimming and running times or exceptional fencing and good swimming/running times may be added to the World Cup 1 team (within top-12 women and top-12 men). Exceptional times are considered as following:

- For females, 2:05 or faster swimming over 200 m and 6:00 or faster running over one mile
- For males, 1:55 or faster swimming over 200 m and 5:20 or faster running over one mile
- For an exceptional female fencer, 2:20 or faster swimming 200 m and 7:00 or faster running over one mile
- For an exceptional male fencer, 2:10 or faster swimming 200 m and 6:20 or faster running over one mile

Best efforts will be made so that final confirmation of these domestic events will be posted at www.usapentathlon 21 days prior to the domestic competition.

Ties between athletes for selection to the 2017 World Cup 1 shall be “broken” by first comparing the results of the Combined event (run/shoot) scores of the most recent mutually contested result of each athlete (from the USA Domestic Qualifiers 1, 2 and 3) with the higher scoring (in the combined event) athlete prevailing. Should there continue to be a tie, then the results of the following disciplines shall be compared, in order, until said tie is “broken” with the higher scoring athlete prevailing. The order shall be for tie-breaking purposes, Combined event (run/shoot), Fencing, Swimming and finally Riding.

D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees for the 2017 USAP World Cups 2 to 4 team.

Team size may be up to 8 (4 male/4 female). Final confirmation will be posted on http://usapentathlon.org/, if different from the above.

After the 2017 World Cup 1, an athlete rotation principle shall be applied for 2017 World Cups 2, 3, and 4. The original National Team Rotational List shall be comprised of the top 6 male and top 6 female U.S. athletes following World Cup 1 scheduled for Los Angeles, California. The Rotation principle will allow all members of the 6 person (per gender) National Team Rotation list to participate in World Cup events, while encouraging athletes to achieve the Final in World Cup competitions and rewarding exceptional performance. The last two placed US athletes shall be rotated out at a single time as a result of any single World Cup event from World Cups 2, 3, and 4. The lowest two placing US athletes shall be rotated out and placed on the bottom of the six-person US National Team Rotation list. And those two athletes shall be replaced by the 5th and 6th person from the rotation list who shall then be invited to the next World Cup event. The normal rotation principle applies (see above) to all World Cups (2, 3, and 4) where the US Team consists of at least three members. In the event there is only one or two participants (per gender) from the U.S.A., then those one or two participants MUST qualify for the final of that World Cup event in order to not be rotated out for the next World Cup.

Should there be available places (due to unforeseen circumstances, such as illness, injury, etc.) in which to enter US athletes beyond the US National Team Rotation List, additional athletes MAY at coaches discretion, be invited in ranking order using the USA Pentathlon Senior Ranking List, to fill any existing additional places.
Best efforts will be made to provide athlete notification of selection within the US National Team Rotation list to World Cup events not less than 14 days prior to the World Cup event unless circumstances will not permit such notification.

E. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees for the 2017 Senior World Championships.

Team size may be up to 8 (4 male/4 female). Final confirmation will be posted on http://usapentathlon.org/, if different from the above.

Up to four highest ranking male athletes and up to four highest ranking female athletes from the 2017 Senior USA Pentathlon Ranking List, will be named to the 2017 Senior World Championships Team. Points earned at two out of three best results from USA domestic competitions plus the World Cup 1, and 2017 USA Pentathlon National Championships shall count towards creating the 2017 Senior USA Pentathlon Ranking List using the PPS Point Table (see attachment A).

The winner of the 2017 Senior National Championships will be directly qualified to the 2017 Senior World Championships Team regardless of PPS point total. Best efforts will be made so that final confirmation of these domestic events will be posted at www.usapentathlon 21 days prior to the domestic competition.

Summary of Competitions Used For Selection Purposes to the 2017 Senior World Championships Team

1. Best two out of three US Domestic Competitions in Colorado Springs
2. 2017 World Cup 1
3. Results from the 2017 US National Championships
4. The 2017 US National Champion per gender will be directly qualified to the 2017 US World Championship Team.

World Championships Selection Tie Breaker: If athletes are tied for team selection for the World Championships with the same number of USA Pentathlon National Team Senior Ranking List points (from the PPS table), the higher placing athlete, per gender, at the most recent mutually contested event(s) (listed below in priority order) will receive the nomination to the World Championships:

1. 2017 Senior National Championships
2. 2017 World Cup 1

F. Relay Team Selection for the 2017 World Cups and World Championships

Athletes are selected to compete in relay events (two gender relays and a mixed relay) at National Team coaches discretion. Recommendations for coaches how to select relay teams are below.

Two athletes (1 male and 1 female) will compete in the Mixed Relay events. One male and one female athlete with the highest score at the individual event at the same competition (World Cup or World Championships) will be invited to compete in the Mixed Relay event. If an athlete will decline the invitation, the next athlete with the highest score in individual competition will be invited.

Two female athletes and two male athletes will compete in women and men gender relays, respectively. Two female and two male athletes with the 2nd and 3rd highest scores at the individual event at the same competition (World Cup or World Championships) will be invited to compete in the Gender Relay event. If an athlete will decline the invitation, the next athlete with the highest score in individual competition will be invited.

In case if relay events are scheduled before the individual competition, it is recommended to select the highest ranked athletes for the Mixed Relay event and the 2nd and 3rd highest athletes for the Gender Relay events.

G. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the names and titles of the current members.

Rob Stull          USA Pentathlon Managing Director
Genadijus Sokolovas USA Pentathlon High Performance
Janusz Peciak       USA Pentathlon Head Coach
Monica Fling Rowland USA Pentathlon Athlete Rep.

II. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. USA Pentathlon has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Pentathlon may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Pentathlon:
- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Pentathlon Managing Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Pentathlon physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Pentathlon physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of USA Pentathlon’s Code of Conduct (Attachment B).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision or violates any provision in II.A or point #16 may be subject to USAP disciplinary action. The athlete has the right to a hearing per the USA Pentathlon Bylaws, Article 14.

An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the USADA.

III. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

Replacement athletes will be nominated based on the 2017 USA Pentathlon National Team Senior Ranking List. The next highest ranked athlete per gender not already nominated to the 2017 Senior World Championships will be the replacement.

B. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

Rob Stull USA Pentathlon Managing Director
Genadijus Sokolovas USA Pentathlon High Performance
Janusz Peciak USA Pentathlon Head Coach
Monica Fling Rowland USA Pentathlon Athlete Rep.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Pentathlon will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Championships.
V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the World Championships and are included as attachments:

USA Pentathlon Code of Conduct (See Attachment B)

VI. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Pentathlon in the following locations:

A. NGB/PSO Web site:

www.usapentathlon.org

B. NGB/PSO Official Publication (if any):

N/A

VII. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Athletes nominated to the 2017 Senior World Championships are required to attend the Training Camp and designated competitions. If an athlete cannot attend, they must submit in writing why they are unable to attend at least 48 hours following notification--and will be given a written response by USAP Within 72 hours of receiving the athletes letter, the Modern Pentathlon Coach and High Performance Staff designated by USA Pentathlon will provide in writing, the determination if the athlete is or is not excused from training camp or competition. Unexcused athletes may be removed from the team.

VIII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:
X. **NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The USA Pentathlon Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

[www.usapentathlon.org](http://www.usapentathlon.org)

XI. **INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC, USAP, PASO, as applicable, and/or UIPM rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, USAP, PASO, as applicable, and/or UIPM rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Pentathlon. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XII. **ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Pentathlon may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)
- [http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx](http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx)
XIII. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Pentathlon.

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*If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

*Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

*If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.
## 2017 PPS SENIOR Points

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I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Pentathlon Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA National Team (the “Team”). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the Team.

As an athlete Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that:

- I will abide by all published rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Pentathlon;

- I have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;

- I will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;

- I will submit to a physical examination by USA Pentathlon medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury and I understand that such injury may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.

- I will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) rules;

- I am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;

- I will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors.
• I will not participate or assist in any gambling or betting activities associated with any event related to my sport or my participation;

• I am eligible to compete under the rules of Union International de Pentathlon Moderne and I am in possession of a valid USA passport, that will not expire prior to six months following the conclusion of the international competition, should I be chosen for an international team that requires a passport;

• I will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance and I will respect the property of others whether personal or public.

• I will respect all members of my Team delegation, other teams, spectators and officials, and I will engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse to include bullying either verbal, written or via social media.

• I will support all members of my team. I will not criticize or in any way disparage a team member, their ability or performance or in any way engage in any conversation or action not in the interest of promoting harmony and team spirit.

• I will follow my Team’s written rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew, required attendance at team meetings, consumption of alcoholic beverages and prohibitions on the release of confidential team information;

• I am aware that USA Pentathlon sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Pentathlon apparel at all official Team functions and events when requested.

• USAP Team Apparel is typically designed to be used for one season. Therefore, I will not trade or sell my USA Team apparel until authorized to do so. If I lose my team apparel I will pay to replace it if requested.

• I will not conceal or cover-up any USA Pentathlon sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Pentathlon apparel and I will abide by the rules of the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used in competition or on visible body tattoos.

• I agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Pentathlon under conditions authorized by USA Pentathlon and give event organizers and USA Pentathlon the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Pentathlon or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.
• I will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Pentathlon apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Pentathlon logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Pentathlon;

• I will attempt to participate in media activities if compatible with my training and competitive schedule, when requested by USA Pentathlon;

• I will compete to the best of my ability if selected to a USAP relay team; and If I must withdraw due to injury or illness I will notify the NGB or its representative at the earliest possible moment.

• I understand that if I require legal representation because of I am accused of a doping violation or am accused of criminal misconduct, or if for any other reasons I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses;

• I will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Pentathlon and the United States; and I will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN
I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, toll free at 888.ATHLETE (1.888.284.5383) for further information regarding my rights under this Code.

PARTICIPANTS’ AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature
Date

Print Name

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION – for underage athletes

Signature
Date

Print Name and Relationship (Parent or Guardian)